



11th September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Member

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSAL TO CREATE A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST & CONVERT TO
ACADEMY STATUS FOR SIR CHARLES PARSONS SCHOOL**

Many of you will be aware that under Government legislation schools can choose to convert to academy status. The Governing Body of Sir Charles Parsons School has been considering carefully the schools' future in a fast-changing and increasingly challenging educational landscape.

Governors have spent time researching and undertaking due diligence and now believe that the best plan moving forwards is for our School to become an academy.

What is the proposal?

Our school would like to become an academy and at the same time form a Multi-Academy Trust on the 1st January 2018 if the proposal is agreed.

How can you find out more and have your say?

Governors are now entering the consultation phase regarding the conversion of Sir Charles Parsons School to academy status. The consultation period will run from **11th September 2017** to the **20th October 2017**. Following the consultation, the Governing Body will consider a report on the findings of the consultation at a meeting in November 2017 and this will be made available online to all stakeholders via our school website.

To help parents/carers and the community in developing their knowledge and understanding of what is involved in becoming an academy, we have organised two information sessions for parents/ carers and the community, one during the day and one after school (**You only need to attend one session**), which will take place on:

Wednesday 27th September 2017 2pm-3pm and 4pm-5pm at Sir Charles Parsons School.

The session will be an opportunity to ask questions about academy status and how this will affect the school. Representatives from the Governors and school leadership will be available to talk to you and you will also be able to register your comments, queries and any thoughts on opportunities or concerns.

We also enclose with this letter a copy of some Frequently Asked Questions, which you may find of interest. On the school website we have created an academy consultation area where you will find a copy of the information sent home today as well as an online questionnaire. Further detail will also be added as it emerges.

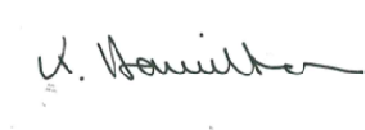
We will be consulting on academy status with staff in school on **the 18th & 19th September** and we will also be discussing becoming an academy with pupils over the next few weeks. In order that we gather as broad and deep a range of opinions as possible, we strongly urge you to participate by attending the organised information session.

If you are unable to attend this session but would like further information or would like to respond to our consultation you can contact the school in the following ways:

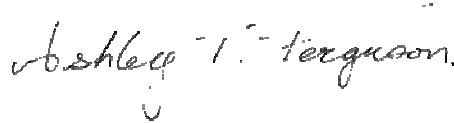
- By telephone **0191 2952280**
- By email at **admin@scp.newcastle.sch.uk**
- Suggestions box located on the front desk at the main front entrance
- Complete our online survey on the school website: **www.scp.newcastle.sch.uk**

We look forward to speaking with you soon and to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely



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Chair of Governors